

to raise funding. In order to ensure a well-educated workforce, we need to provide opportunities for all individuals to gain a college education. Low- and moderate-income individuals need Pell grants to attend college. It is that simple. Unless we make Pell grant funding a priority, we are not providing everyone, regardless of their economic means, with a college opportunity. I urge Members to support this motion.

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Kildee Motion which recognizes what the House, and Chairman REGULA, have done to increase funding for our student financial assistance programs. It is my hope that the conference report will sustain these increases and that this Congress will maintain our consistent support for higher education.

The vital programs at hand increase access to higher education and help to make college more affordable for students and parents across the country. While student aid is key these increases are not the sole solution to the crisis we are facing in American institutions of higher learning. Statistics show college tuition has been increasing well beyond the cost of living, causing students to graduate with incredible debt. For example, over the past 10 years, after adjusting for inflation, average tuition and fees at both public and private 4-year colleges and universities rose 38 percent. This is an extraordinary problem, a problem that I am dedicated to understanding and addressing.

I have always argued that increased funding must be accompanied by fundamental reforms. It is incumbent upon us, as legislators, to make every effort to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent carefully and effectively. Increasing federal spending will never eliminate all barriers to higher learning, as the pace of tuition is growing too fast. The Committee on Education and the Workforce is in the process of reauthorizing the Higher Education Act and I am confident we will do all that we can to tackle rising tuition and fees in a meaningful manner.

In my opinion, one way we can begin combating rising costs is by empowering parents and students with information. Imposing more transparency into the process will require schools to answer to the consumer about the where their money is going, the choices that school is making, as well as their efforts to contain costs. In essence it becomes a team effort where the winners are the student.

I believe in a balance of adequate education funding and fiscal constraint. Considering our current domestic and international responsibilities, I believe the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act represents a delicate balance between increased funding for all federal education programs and fiscal restraint. I supported these levels when they passed the House in July and I support them again today.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGERS of Alabama). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-382) on the resolution (H. Res. 449) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 78, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-383) on the resolution (H. Res. 450) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2417, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-384) on the resolution (H. Res. 451) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2417) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZAK RABIN

(Mr. MORAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month marked the anniversary of the death of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin. A true man of peace, his life was tragically cut short during a rally for peace in Tel Aviv.

Yitzak Rabin was a hero dedicated to the security, the stability, and the success of the State of Israel who gained trust among Israelis and among Arabs. His strength, courage, and commitment to peace in the Middle East has inspired thousands. Although his dream for peace has not been realized, his vision has not faded from our hearts.

I rise today to commemorate the life and achievements of this extraordinary statesman. May his vision inspire and endure for generations to come, and may we pay tribute to his legacy by continuing his quest for peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, I will insert in the RECORD at this point Yitzak Rabin's last speech which he delivered the night of his assassination.

THE LAST SPEECH—PEACE RALLY, KINGS OF ISRAEL SQUARE, TEL AVIV, NOVEMBER 4, 1995

Allow me to say, I am also moved. I want to thank each and every one of you who stood up here against violence and for peace. This government, which I have the privilege to lead, together with my friend Shimon Peres, decided to give peace a chance. A peace that will solve most of the problems of the State of Israel. I was a military man for twenty-seven years. I fought as long as there were no prospects for peace. Today I believe that there are prospects for peace, great prospects. We must take advantage of it for the sake of those standing here, and for the sake of those who do not stand here. And they are many among our people.

I have always believed that the majority of the people want peace, are prepared to take risks for peace. And you here, by showing up at this rally, prove it, along with the many who did not make it here, that the people truly want peace and oppose violence. Violence is undermining the very foundations of Israeli democracy. It must be condemned, denounced, and isolated. This is not the way of the State of Israel. Controversies may arise in a democracy, but the decision must be reached through democratic elections, just as it happened in 1992, when we were given the mandate to do what we are doing, and to continue to do it.

I want to thank from here the President of Egypt, the King of Jordan, and the King of Morocco, whose representatives are present here, conveying their partnership with us on the march toward peace. But above all—the people of Israel, who have proven, in the three years this government has been in office, that peace is attainable, a peace that will provide an opportunity for a progressive society and economy. Peace exists first and foremost in our prayers, but not only in prayers. Peace is what the Jewish People aspire to, a true aspiration.

Peace entails difficulties, even pain. Israel knows no path devoid of pain. But the path of peace is preferable to the path of war. I say this to you as one who was a military man and minister of defense, and who saw the pain of the families of IDF soldiers. It is for their sake, and for the sake of our children and grandchildren, that I want this government to exert every effort, exhaust every opportunity, to promote and to reach a comprehensive peace.

This rally must send a message to the Israeli public, to the Jewish community throughout the world, to many, many in the Arab world and in the entire world, that the people of Israel want peace, support peace, and for that, I thank you very much.